

INDICTMENTS EXPECTED SOON

Grand Jury Continues Probe Into Bankrupt Southern Pharmaceutical Co.

Investigation by the Hamilton county grand jury of the local operations of the Southern Pharmaceutical company continued throughout Wednesday and part of Thursday and indictments in connection with the case are expected late Thursday afternoon or early Friday morning. It is understood that several widows came before the inquisitorial body Wednesday and told of how they had been misled and had lost all they had in the world.

Following the story in The News on Wednesday, the investigation being made by the grand jury proved an all-absorbing topic. Several officials at the courthouse remarked, after reading the story, that they were indeed lucky, as the bankrupt concern came near getting them for goodly sums.

One official said that he had his check book in his hand, when a second thought came to him and he asked time for consideration and the time he took, he said, indeed proved valuable. Another citizen stated that if the stock in the company had been subscribed to by every one the officers talked to, the citizenship of Chattanooga would have been bankrupted.

A member of the grand jury stated to a News reporter Wednesday that he himself knew something of the operations of the company but when asked did they "get him," he declined to answer and merely laughed.

It will be remembered that the charges against the company were first brought to the attention of the grand jury by Dr. B. A. Deakins, county physician, who claimed that the company's agents obtained \$23,000 from him through misrepresentations. He claimed that they told him they had four dollars for every one he invested. He further charged they told him the state received \$1.50 for every \$1 he invested. Dr. Deakins claimed that the board of directors of the company ratified the mortgage of a \$12,000 piece of property of his for \$6,000 and that one of the directors received \$3,000 of this amount for his own use.

Others who invested money in the company were before the grand jury Thursday.

CUT FIRST BAPTIST HERE APPEARS IN EASTERN JOURNAL

Weekly Entertainments Are Given at
Church for the Soldiers at
Fort Oglethorpe.

In an article in the March number of the Ladies' Home Journal on "The Church and the Soldier" the First Baptist church of Chattanooga comes in for quite a boost. A cut of the church, which was made last summer at the time when the churches were adopting different regiments, is shown, with the following comment: "Chattanooga churches have gone all the way from

chicken dinners after service to home latchkeys for men in town on liberty overnight."

The First Baptist has continued its "open house" on Saturday nights ever since last June. Splendid programs are given each Saturday night, one of the different circles of the woman's auxiliary having charge of the program. Delightful luncheons are served each time.

Recently the B. Y. P. U. gave a series of three Sunday luncheons for the men from the Fifty-fourth. Other affairs will be given later on.

Each Sunday practically all the soldiers attending the morning services are invited home to dinner by different members of the church.

Under the auspices of the Woman's auxiliary a number of ladies spend Tuesday at the church doing work for the surgical league. Every Thursday a committee carries fruits and jellies to the base hospital.

STIFF ATHLETICS AT ELEVENTH INFANTRY "Y's"

Boys Enjoy Almost Every Kind of Indoor Sports, and Many Good Records Are Made.

The "Y" secretaries of buildings 24 and 25 of the Eleventh infantry are pushing athletics strong, and some good athletes have been discovered among the men.

On Monday evening Corporal Wilson assisted Physical Director Graffius, and Dr. Orr offered a laughable monologue. Corporal Wilson then gave a good exhibition in boxing four rounds with Ulmer.

After fifteen minutes of good wrestling, Rodinski, of Company B, threw Jokowski, of Company K. In the rope-climbing contest, Rodinski, of Company B, won first place; George, of the headquarters company, second, and John Martin won third place amid great applause.

On Tuesday evening Secretaries Peaks, Robertson and Graffius held a successful athletic meet at "Y" 25. J. Cosman, of Company M, won first place in the rope climb. George Dally, of Company F, won against Turner. Henry A. Moudor, of Company G, won against Bowen. Cosman pulled up all comers in the bar pull. Following this, the men gave a good exhibition of aerial feats on the flying ropes. As usual, Castel, of Company B, won first place in the running high kick, with 7 feet 10 inches to his credit. Nippur, of Company G, won second place, with a kick of 6 feet 10 inches.

After these stunts, three good boxing matches were staged. Sergt. O'Connor and Bugler Silovitch, of Company L, boxed three good two-minute rounds.

The second was a good-natured, friendly bout between Private Moudor, of Company G, and Private Oldham, of Company G. The last and best bout of the evening was staged between Privates Lann, of Company H, and Pavloek, of Company M.

Every Tuesday evening will be athletic night at "Y" 25.

"Y" ENTERTAINER COMES RIGHT ALONG WITH BOYS

Each trainload of drafted men that comes into Fort Oglethorpe brings with it a Y. M. C. A. representative to help amuse the boys.

With the quota of troops Wednesday, came J. J. Squires, of Columbus, state secretary of Ohio. Mr. Squires furnished the soldiers games, stationery, etc., to speed their journey. Now that they are housed in quarantine, he continues his ministrations in the White City, back of Camp Greenleaf.

CITY VOLUNTEERS GO TO COAST ARTILLERY

Teachers Complete Occupational Cards City Board No. 1. Negroes Return.

The "Dixie Volunteers," organized by Foster Brown Gentry, have the following men signed ready to go: Foster Brown Gentry, captain; James C. Sanders, Frank Northrup, W. G. Wade, J. L. Enloe. They will leave Wednesday, March 13, for Columbus barracks, in Ohio. These men have chosen the coast artillery service and go in answer to call No. 30. They are from, city board No. 1. Foster V. Brown, chairman of this board, said this morning that only three calls had been made for men in the volunteer service, they being: Call No. 3, men for the medical department, who go to medical officers' training camp, Fort Oglethorpe; call No. 5, for men who wish to go to Camp Greene, in the infantry; call No. 30, for men in coast artillery service, they going to Columbus barracks, Ohio.

Mr. Brown stated that all who wished to enlist in the coast artillery corps should notify Foster Gentry at once, and those who wished infantry service should notify Charles E. Jones, Occupational Cards Complete.

All occupational index cards have been completed from board No. 1, there being over 3,000 of them. The teachers of public schools have worked faithfully in getting this work completed. Mr. Brown said he did not say that the school teachers were not patriotic, but that he did say they were slow about getting the work done.

Two negro soldiers came before city board No. 1 Thursday morning with discharge papers from service at Camp Meade, Maryland. They were Clifford Wafford and Ernest Wilkerson, of Chattanooga, who were sent from board No. 1. They report that they were fed well and were treated well by both colored and white officers. The men said they liked the service and would have liked to stay, but on account of physical condition they were returned to their homes.

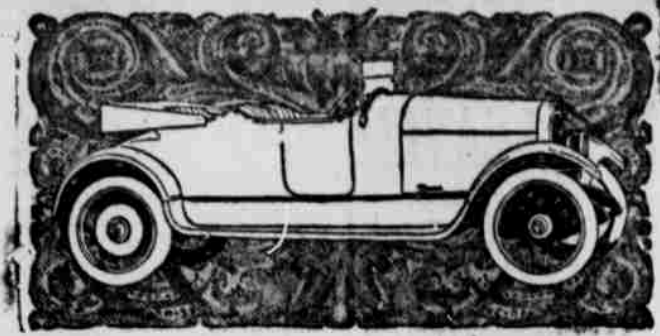
William Herbert Coppinger, of the Bank of Commerce, and Clifford Howard Ault left yesterday for Camp Greene. They were sent by Mr. Brown's board.

William Franklin Durroh, colored, a pharmacist, has been drawn for service, and has gone to Camp Funston.

WILL INVEST SURPLUS IN WAR SAVINGS STAMPS

Tennessee Bankers' Association
Selects This City as Next
Meeting Place.

At the recent meeting of the executive committee of the Tennessee Bankers' association, it was decided that this year's convention be held in this city, and May 28-30 were selected as the dates. It was also decided to invest all surplus funds of the association in war savings stamps. The association has already bought \$500 worth of stamps, and will continue to so invest its funds until the limit of \$1,000 has been reached.



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